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Also enclosed is a complete claim listing, an amended version of paragraph [038], One replacement drawing sheet and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission.

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action directed to the above named application mailed on September 9, 2004, please amend the specification and claims of the application as discussed herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.